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REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 5 and 6. Applicants have added new claims, 22 through 24, and Applicants assert that there is support in the disclosure for each new claim.

Robinson and 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Robinson. Applicants have amended both claim 1 and claim 8 to overcome this rejection. Robinson discloses an apparatus for cleaning a surface that has several recessed walls, which may be used to receive and releasably hold various cleaning items. Robinson does not disclose that the receptacle for said cleaning items is detachable.

Contrary to Robinson, claim 1 and claim 8, as amended, disclose an apparatus that has a detachable unit, which holds a cleaning agent supply. Therefore, claim 1 and claim 8 are in condition for allowance.

In light of this amendment, claims 2,3,4, and 7 are allowable because they depend on allowable base claim, claim 1, and claims 9-16 are allowable because they depend upon an allowable base claim, claim 8. Applicants have cancelled claims 5 and 6.

Hoenisch et al. in view of Eastman, Jr et al. and 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoenisch in view of Eastman, Jr. et al. Applicants have amended both claim 1 and claim 8 to overcome this

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rejection. Claim 1 and claim 8, as amended, disclose an apparatus that has a detachable unit, which holds a cleaning agent supply.

Hoenisch discloses a pressure washer that includes a chassis as well as a liquid pump, a pump-driving prime mover, plural chemical product containers and a product selecting valve, all supported by a chassis. Each of the containers is attached to a separate valve conduit extending to the valve and the valve is connected to a device conduit extending to the mixing device. Eastman, Jr. et al. discloses an apparatus comprising an applicator connected to a pressure supply unit and trigger mechanism to open a valve and includes a water hose that transports water from a water pressure supply unit to a control handle.

Because neither reference teaches or suggests an apparatus that has a detachable unit, which holds a cleaning agent supply, both claim 1 and claim 8 are in condition for allowance.

In light of this amendment, claims 2,3,4, and 7 are allowable because they depend on allowable base claim, claim 1 and claims 9-16 are allowable because they depend upon an allowable base claim, claim 8. Applicants have cancelled claims 5 and 6.

Double Patenting Rejection

Applicants hereby elect Group 1, claims 1-16, with transverse. Applicants have cancelled claims 17-22 without prejudice and preserve the right to pursue these claims in a divisional application.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that based upon the above Amendments and Remarks, all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be sent for all pending claims.

Respectfully Submitted,



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